



Message of the Week

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“Conservatives are committed to carrying out the President’s mission of streamlining homeland security activities without unnecessarily expanding government.”

- The Republican Study Committee will monitor the creation of the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that consolidating existing security agencies and offices doesn’t turn into an unnecessary expansion of government.
- The RSC will resist and expose redundancies, waste, and growth of the federal bureaucracy contained in any proposal to create the new Department.
- The RSC will make every effort to ensure that this new Department be designed only for the physical protection of the United States and its people.
- The Department of Homeland Security should never be used as a vehicle for more pork-barrel spending.
- To these efforts, the RSC has established a “Security First” Task Force to ensure that President Bush’s mission of streamlining homeland security activities without unnecessarily expanding government is realized.